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TROOPS BREAK CAMP ALONG BOUNDARY; PREPARE FOR QUICK DASH INTO MEXICO

AUSTRIA JOINS GERMAN ALLY IN PORTUGAL WAR

Declaration of Hostilities is Issued At Vienna, Says Report To London—Germans Report Further Advances in Terrific Drive Against Verdun—Enemy Cruisers Shell Gallipoli.

London, March 15—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rome says that Austria has declared war on Portugal.

A Reuter despatch from Geneva says that Austria has recalled her minister at Lisbon and has handed passports to the Portuguese minister at Vienna.

BERLIN REPORTS GAINS

Berlin, March 15—Important gains for the Germans in the Verdun fighting west of the Meuse was announced today by the war office. It is said the Germans pushed forward their lines west of Corbeaux Wood and on the height of Le Mort Homme, capturing more than 1,000 prisoners.

GALLIPOLI UNDER FIRE
Constantinople, March 15—Two

cruisers on March 11-12 shelled the environs of Teke Burnu (Gallipoli peninsula) the war office announced today. The vessels then withdrew.

NEW TURKISH WAR MINISTER

London, March 15—An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is reported that Ismail Hakki, president of commercial administration, has been appointed Turkish minister of war.

SIEMON ESCAPES SUIT FOR DAMAGE BROUGHT BY WIDOW OF VICTIM

President Carl F. Siemon of the Siemon Hard Rubber Corp., escapes, by reason of a superior court decision today, legal responsibility for the widely discussed automobile accident which resulted in the death of John DeMartino of Stamford, October 29, 1910. Judge Gager this morning found that the suit brought against Siemon by Angelino DeMartino, administrator on her husband's estate, is out-lawed because it was not filed within one year of the accident, as required by the statute.

The court's decision was given in sustaining a demurrer filed by Attorneys Banks & Nicholson, representing Siemon. They demurred to the suit on the ground that the action was not filed until May, 1915, whereas to keep within the law it should have been filed within one year of the accident, which happened in 1910.

When Mrs. DeMartino brought the present action for \$6,000 damages it was alleged by her lawyers, Chamberlain & Hull, that she had not filed the action before because she had been unable to learn the identity of the motorist whose car struck her husband.

She claimed that after the accident, at Fairfield avenue and Grove street, Siemon drove hurriedly away without revealing his identity and that the police did not know the car owner's name until May, 1914. During the interval she and her relatives had continued a search for the man without avail. In her suit Mrs. DeMartino alleged that Siemon had been guilty

of reckless driving and that his negligence was responsible for DeMartino's death.

Siemon has gained much notoriety because of this accident. There was scandal in the police board when it was charged that efforts had been made to keep the affair quiet and when Siemon had a hearing before Coroner Phelan that official found him guilty of negligence. When an application was made to State's Attorney Cummings to have a bench warrant sworn out for Siemon's arrest the state's attorney took the matter under consideration. Then he announced that there was not enough evidence to warrant prosecution.

The statute upon which Judge Gager based his decision today makes no provision for a case in which a participant in a collision conceals his identity. It simply states that an action of this kind must be filed within one year of the time the accident happened.

Revelations following the discovery that it was Siemon's car that killed DeMartino, that Siemon, concealing his identity, sent through his lawyers to Mrs. DeMartino, \$1,000. This was a check from his lawyers, which Mrs. DeMartino used. A receipt for this money was given by Mrs. DeMartino, but she did not waive her rights by its acceptance. At the time she received the money, the identity of Siemon was kept from her. Antonio Abriola, then a deputy sheriff, conducted the negotiations with the widow.

J. T. KING GETS COMMITTEEMAN JOB OF HENNEY

State Central Body Names Bridgeport Boss at Hartford Meeting.

John T. King of this city, will be named Republican National Committeeman to succeed Judge William F. Henney of Hartford. The Republican State Central Committee at its meeting in Hartford yesterday is reported to have been a unit on the choice of Mr. King.

Through a change in the rules adopted by the committee yesterday, all primaries and caucuses of the party in the state will be held Thurs, day, March 30. The town and city state convention, must be held three days later. The town and city convention will be held at Republican headquarters, 176 Fairfield avenue, Monday evening, April 3, at 8 o'clock. The state convention will be held in Hartford April 11 and 12. No attempt will be made to oppose the nomination of Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb for a second term. Bridgeporters who attended the state central committee meeting yesterday said that it is all out and dried for a nomination for Mayor Wilson for a second term as

"Don't Know What Hit Me," Declares P. J. Pendergast

"I don't know what hit me" is all Pendergast was able to tell Coroner John J. Phelan at the Bridgeport hospital. Pendergast has a fractured skull and internal injuries and is in a serious condition. At press hour today Coroner Phelan began hearing statements from the crew of the trolley car that ran down Pendergast and also from other witnesses. Monday morning while hurrying to work the injured man was struck by a car at Crescent avenue and William street.

Bartholomew Lombardo of East avenue told Coroner Phelan that Francisco Minotto of 753 Pembroke street is the man who shot him Monday night. He said Minotto attempted to rob him. After he had been shot he said a friend of Minotto, whom he does not know, came along and cut him with a razor. This is substantially the same story he told the police.

STRIKE TIES UP POTTERY

Alliance, O., March 15—Eighteen hundred potters employed in the five plants of Sebring, near here, were out of work today because of the failure of the employing potters to settle the strike of 200 women workers who demanded an advance of 15 percent in wages.

THE WEATHER

Snow tonight, probably heavy, with northeast to north gales. Thursday

COURT REVEALS DOUBLE LIFE OF TROLLEY VICTIM

Contest For Compensation Between Women Who Claim To Be Widows.

AFFIDAVITS FILED WITH BUCKINGHAM

Triangle in Career of Shaw Causes Queer Complication In Court.

When Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham opened the hearing on the case of Walter M. Shaw, the Connecticut Co. conductor who was killed several weeks ago when caught between two cars, he found that two widows were claiming damages under the Workmen's act.

Sally Elizabeth Hobbs of Norfolk, Va., says she is the widow of Conductor Shaw and affidavits have been made to prove it. Rosalind Stevens Howlett of Providence, R. I., says she is the widow too, and her attorney has presented statements to prove it.

Attorney M. J. Murphy of Providence, represents the Rhode Island widow and Attorney Clarence E. Hall of this city has the case of the Norfolk widow. Attorney Murphy prepared his client's claims to damages, unaware that there was any other, and Attorney Hall did likewise.

The hearing was called for March 8 in the office of Commissioner Buckingham. Attorneys Murphy and Hall appeared, each representing a widow. Then it was learned that there were two widows.

The Providence widow with her brother, Russell B. Stevens, were at the hearing. The widow testified that she never heard of the Norfolk claimant. She appeared surprised at the turn of events. Attorneys Murphy and Hall were undoubtedly surprised. Only the testimony of the Providence widow's side was taken and the hearing adjourned until March 16 for a further investigation.

Since then Attorney Hall, the compensation court records indicate, has been seeking facts on the history of Mr. Shaw. It has been learned that affidavits have come into his possession, sworn to by the Norfolk widow's father, and stating that on Sept. 9, 1908, at Elizabeth City, N. C., Sally Elizabeth Hobbs was married to Walter M. Shaw. The father declares in the affidavit that his daughter claimed the body and that both he and his daughter identified it as the body of the man who had married into the Hobbs family.

Registrar I. J. W. Munden of Elizabeth City has sent documents to this city which purport to prove the marriage.

The affidavit of the Hobbs woman set forth that she had her husband arrested for non-support. She alleged that her husband was a woman to whom she referred as "Losa Hewlett." Her husband left her after that, the affidavit says. She was left with three children, two of whom, aged seven and four, are living.

The sworn statement of the Providence claimant is that she was married to Walter Shaw in Elizabeth City, N. C., July 5, 1912. She swore she never heard of the Norfolk woman. The latter, however, expressed the belief that "Losa Hewlett" and Rosalind Stevens Howlett are the same, and she says she wants her name changed to that of her husband, asking her to remember that Shaw was married to herself.

A peculiar feature of the case is that the Providence woman, impressed by the pathetic circumstances of Shaw's death, has announced a benefit dance to be held next week for the Providence widow. They hadn't heard of the Norfolk claimant.

The hearing is called for tomorrow, but it is likely that it will be again continued to allow the reception of more evidence. Shaw was killed at Ash Creek. He was standing at the rear of his car changing the trolley pole, when another car crashed into him. He was mangled and he died soon afterward. Coroner Phelan exonerated the crew of criminal liability.

Charge Jitneur With Stealing Fare's Furs

Benjamin Pomerantz, a jitney driver of 1230 State street, is locked up at the police headquarters on the charge of stealing a set of furs valued at \$500 from Miss Marguerite Sturges of Sport Hill. About a week ago Pomerantz drove Miss Sturges to her home at Sport Hill. Miss Sturges gave him a check for \$500 to pay the jitney man and went to the house to get some. She left her furs in the car. When she returned the furs were gone. The theft was reported to the Motorcycle Policeman Clifford Gorgas was sent to New York today and located the furs in a pawn shop. They were returned to the owner.

JAPANESE LINER OVERDUE

London, March 15—The Japanese steamer Hokoku Maru has been posted at Lloyd's as overdue. She left Portland, Ore., Nov. 8 for United Kingdom ports and was last reported on Dec. 21.

Court Orders Jury To Set Osborne Free

Charges of Perjury Against Former Warden of Sing Sing Are Ordered Dismissed and Prisoner Is Acquitted.

Judge Holds That State Commissioner Had No Authority in Holding Investigation of Conditions In Prison.

White Plains, N. Y., March 15—Thomas Mott Osborne, prison reformer, Harvard graduate, twice mayor of Auburn, N. Y., and former warden of Sing Sing, was acquitted on the charge of perjury by direction of Justice Tompkins to a jury in the Westchester county supreme court here today.

Justice Tompkins, in a long opinion, held that Dr. Rudolph Diedling, a state prison commissioner, was without legal authority when he investigated Osborne's administration of Sing Sing. It was before Dr. Diedling that Osborne last October committed alleged perjury by swearing as a state prison commissioner, was without legal authority when he investigated Osborne's administration of Sing Sing. It was before Dr. Diedling that Osborne last October committed alleged perjury by swearing as a state prison commissioner, was without legal authority when he investigated Osborne's administration of Sing Sing.

Justice Tompkins in his opinion that there was no lawful perjury committed by Osborne, inasmuch as the warden had the right to keep inmate the pledges which he had given to the guilty convicts who had confessed to him their immorality.

When Justice Tompkins had rendered his opinion and discharged the jury, George Gordon Battle, Osborne's chief counsel, moved that the jury be kept in its seats and that the trial be begun immediately on the other indictment pending against Osborne, charging neglect of duty and immorality.

District Attorney Weeks announced that he was not ready to proceed with the second trial but would call it during the April term.

Justice Tompkins said this dispute was not a question for him to settle and dismissed the jury. When the verdict for acquittal was announced friends of Osborne rushed to his side to congratulate him.

FIND 19 COUSINS HAVE CLAIMS IN FLYNN'S ESTATE

John F. Flynn, for many years a waiter in Bridgeport restaurants, left an estate of \$2,567.09 and also 19 cousins, seven of whom are claiming a share in the estate. Charles C. Scallie, of 347 State street, at whose home Flynn lived the last two years before he died, has a large claim against the estate, which Frederick C. Mullins, the administrator is not inclined to allow. In consequence, through his attorney, Thomas M. Cullen, Mr. Mullins has asked the commissioners to be appointed to hear the claim of Mr. Scallie. Physicians' bills and funeral expenses are preferred claims.

Judge Miller has ordered a hearing for 3 o'clock, Friday, March 17. The estate consists of \$2,537.09, cash in banks and a death benefit in the Fraternal of Eagles, also a watch and chain and a diamond ring valued at \$15 each.

The cousins are Josephine Hackett, Ann Dabbs and Thomas Flynn of Bridgeport; Dr. David Flynn, of New Haven; David Flynn, of Oswego, N. Y.; Charles, John and Dennis Flynn, of Pocatello, Idaho; Benjamin and Dennis Flynn, Mary E. Murphy and Margaret McLaughlin, of Bridgeport; Mary Thomas, of Towanda, Pa.; Catherine Heath, of Syre, Pa.; William Murphy, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Helena Brown, Daniel Murphy, Etta Murphy and Mary A. McDonald, of Bridgeport. Attorney Carl Foster, of Foster & Morgan, represents Mary E. Thomas, Catherine Heath, David J. Charles F. John P. and Dennis Flynn in their claims as heirs to the estate.

Lavery & Pinkstone as attorneys for C. C. Scallie, have presented a claim against the estate for \$797.80. The claim includes items of \$200.25 for room rent from May 14, 1912, to Jan. 14, 1914; also of \$130 for board, room rent, and care from March 4, 1914, to Dec. 30, 1914. There is an item of \$88 for laundry and another of \$29.55 for medicine, brandy, porter and a can of olive oil every week. Flynn died on Dec. 30, 1914. The appraisers were M. J. Power and J. H. Whitcomb.

HAINES FATE IN HANDS OF JURY; RETIRE AT 2:09

Trumbull Farmer Bitterly Arraigned As Cummings Closes Summary.

CUMMINGS SCORES WITNESSES, ALSO

Alleges Personal Feelings Overbalanced Their Duty To State.

After a charge to the jury, lasting one hour and five minutes, Judge James H. Webb of the Criminal Superior court ordered the jury in the murder trial of Jason Smith Haines to retire. This was at 2:09, this afternoon.

In his charges to the jury, Judge Webb dwelt especially upon the insanity defense of Haines. He said that in his own mind there was little doubt but that Haines was the person who did the fatal shooting. Then he went, at length, into the part that the insanity defense must have in the various verdicts the jury may deliver.

Crowds of well dressed men and women—not the average morbid curiosity seekers usually seen about murder trials—await the verdict of the jury in the case of Jason S. Haines, the Trumbull farmer who killed his wife, Anna, on the morning of Sept. 27, at their country homestead on the Chestnut Hill road.

The curious element which has been in constant attendance at the earlier days of the trial have been gradually replaced by lawyers, physicians, merchants and even society women who have taken keen interest in the battle of alienists and experts in gun-shots.

From an early hour this morning every inch of the spectators' gallery, the interior of the railing and even the prison's benches had been occupied with scores willing to stand in any available spot in the room, pushing through the doorways and into the corridors. The wives of all the counsel in the case were present at today's session.

Neither Jason Haines, Jr., his brother, Willie Haines, or the Waller family came to the court-room today as had been expected. After the few days when it was necessary for them to testify, the impression was such that the prisoner asked they be kept away.

During the morning session when State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings delivered a masterly and grueling analysis of the case and denounced Haines in the most scorching language (Continued on Page 2.)

Husband and Wife Want \$2,100 For Injuries In Crash

To recover for damages alleged to have been received in a collision in Stratford last September, Isaac L. Belden and his wife, Jennie Belden, of this city, appeared before Judge Gager and a jury in superior court this afternoon to testify in their suit against William P. Ryan of Shelton. Mrs. Belden wants \$1,500 damages for personal injuries and her husband sues for \$600 for damage to his automobile.

Belden claims that on the day of the accident his car and Ryan's machine were going in opposite directions when Ryan's automobile swerved toward Belden's and compelled the latter vehicle to get in the path of a trolley car. Ryan is accused of negligence which he denies.

Rev. A. C. Thompson Left \$6,000 Estate

Rev. A. C. Thompson, pastor emeritus of the Immanuel Baptist church and patriotic instructor of Elias Howe, Jr., post No. 3, G. A. R., of this city, left an estate of about \$6,000. His will offered for probate today distributes the major portion of the estate between his brother, Edward C. Thompson, and his brother's wife, Mary Thompson.

Rev. Mr. Thompson bequeaths half the house at 649 Myrtle avenue where he lived with his brother and sister-in-law, to the latter. He also leaves to her all his furniture and the contents of the house other than his books and library and \$500 in cash. To his brother he leaves \$500 in cash and all his books, including those in storage in Springfield, Mass. For his nephew, Claude E. Thompson, he leaves \$200 to be his when he becomes of age. Judge Alfred B. Beers is named executor of the will and the appraisers are Charles E. Moore and Charles A. Campbell, personal friends of Rev. Mr. Thompson.

JITNEUR FINED.

Joseph B. Selmanowitz of 54 Center street, a jitneur, was fined \$5 and costs in city court this morning for allowing passengers to ride on the doors of his machine in violation of a city ordinance. He was arrested by Motorcycle Policeman Herbert Ligons. Selmanowitz paid the fine.

Massed at Two Points, Under Marching Equipment, Ready to Make Quick Movement Across Boundary—General Funston Silent on Plans, and Army Censorship Hides Details As to Actual Movement of Forces—Carranza Leader Reported Killed in Mutiny—Baker Mum on Carranza's Attitude.

El Paso, March 15—United States troops, with camps broken, were under marching equipment along the Mexican border west of here at daylight today in at least two positions. Military censors prohibited transmission of any information of actual movements. The troops in readiness were at Columbus and Hachita, N. M.

Headquarters Silent on Movements

San Antonio, March 15—At 12:30 P. M., today, no information was obtainable at Southern Headquarters that there had been troop movements at Columbus and Hachita, N. M. General Funston displayed much interest in despatches regarding conditions at Torreon and Ojinaga.

Quick Movement Is Looked For

Hachita, N. M., March 15—The second cavalry brigade under command of Col. George A. Dodd, completed today preparations to move forward from Culberson's ranch on the border south of here into Mexico. A quick movement was expected. During the last few days supply trains aided by wagons and trucks of ranchers have been forwarding large supplies to the camp.

Washington Awaiting Developments

Washington, March 15—Reports that the American military force at Columbus had broken camp could not be confirmed early today. Messages from Columbus started coming through the military censor into El Paso but they made no mention of troop movements.

American Consul Leaves Torreon

Torreon, March 15—Consul A. L. Williams has turned the American consulate at Torreon over to the British vice-consul. More than 40 Americans are waiting to leave on the train which was held up for a day by a wreck on the Monterey road.

Washington, March 15—State department officials are puzzled by the departure of Consul Williams from Torreon. They have given him no instructions to leave and have no reports of any disorders in that region; still they realize that the consul must have some good reason for leaving. They are reluctant to believe that the consulate is in danger.

BAKER IS SILENT AS TO CARRANZA'S PLEAS FOR DELAY

Washington, March 15—Administration officials still were without information today as to whether the American military officials on the border in pursuit of Villa and his band of outlaws.

Secretary Baker, when asked today if a request had been received from Carranza military officials on the border for a delay of the American expedition so that Carranza forces might carry out their own plans to capture Villa, said:

"I have nothing to say on that subject."

"The department had heard nothing of the rumored blowing up of an American troop train or an important military development south of the border."

CARRANZA BAND IN MUTINY KILLS OJINAGA LEADER

Marfa, Tex., March 15—The reported death of Col. Rojas, Carranza commander at Ojinaga, at the hands of his own men who attempted to mutiny last night, was confirmed by telephone advice here today. Rojas was trying to control his men who were drinking and threatening to invade the United States when he was shot from the crowd, according to the report.

GEN. COLE IN WASHINGTON.

Hartford, March 15—Adjutant General George M. Cole is in Washington.

Senate Puts O. K. On Bill For Big Army

Washington, March 15—The Senate today approved unanimously the joint resolution adopted by the House yesterday to bring the mobile army up to its full strength, which would add about 20,000 men to the present establishment.

ington. It was said, at the state armory today that his trip was without significance in relation to the Mexican troubles.

Mexicans Born Here Offer to Help U. S.

El Paso, March 15—More than 200 Mexicans born in the United States have organized in El Paso with a view of offering their services to the city in the event of an attack or riot.

Summer Training Camps Will Not Be Abandoned

Washington, March 15—The score or more military training camps throughout the country planned for the next few months will not be abandoned by the war department because of the Mexican border situation. Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, formally announced today that the camps would be held and officers-instructors and training units of the army supplied by the war department as nearly in accordance with the original plans as possible.

SHARP WATCH IS KEPT ON 500 VILLA REFUGEES

Nogales, March 15—Sharp watch is being maintained by American troops on the 500 Villa refugees in Nogales. Military patrols have been doubled and strangers are being scrutinized closely. Today no evidence of unusual activity were apparent either in this city or in Nogales, Sonora, just across the border.

Marcus L. Reynolds Again President of Odd Fellows Home

(Special to The Farmer.)
New Haven, March 15.—Marcus L. Reynolds, former mayor of Bridgeport, was nominated and re-elected president of the Odd Fellows' Home corporation at the annual meeting held here today. Other nominations and elections of other officers were in progress at press hour. There were 25 directors present. The home is located in Groton.

CHINESE REBELS ACTIVE
Washington, March 15—Continued activity among revolutionaries in China was reported today by Admiral Winterhalter, commanding the Pacific fleet. Revolutionary forces are preparing to attack Luchow and are operating generally in Hunan provinces.